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Applicant:	PATHAK et al.	Examiner:	CARLOS A. AZPURU
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Title:	STENT COATINGS CONTAINING HMG-CoA REDUCTASE INHIBITORS		

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 14, 2003, said period of response being extended from October 14, 2003 to December 14, 2003.

Please charge our Deposit Account 13-2725 in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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